



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting January 16, 2003 AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Ray Arnold
Al Dyer
Joe Spink

Dean Moberg
Ken Stone
Frank Scarsella

Jim Spaid
Gordon Olson
Mike Tollkuehn

Minutes of 12/12/2002 Meeting

-Distributed copies and no added comments made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings –The minutes of the October 10, 2002, meeting of the WAPA/WSDOT Joint Task Force were distributed.

Minutes for the Admin Team held on January 10, 2003, were distributed. Jim Spaid noted that there were a number of projects that were testing new specifications using a lump sum payment for traffic control. Results of these pilot projects would be evaluated and revisited by the team in the fall before final action would be taken to change the Standard Specifications.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at the State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

PCC Pavement Rehab – New Section 5-01

Jim stated that Section 5-01 and 9-20 are still in review status. Comments from the Roadway Team have been incorporated. The new section is scheduled to be in the next release of amendments (April).

Sign Sheeting Specifications

A proposed change to Section 9-28, relating to new specifications for sign sheeting, was distributed at the last meeting. There were no review comments.

New Business

Sections 9-09 and 9-28

Jim Spaid noted that Sections 9-09 and 9-28 were to be revised to eliminate western red cedar as an option for signposts. Untreated cedar post have not been long lasting and a number of regions have been writing special provisions to preclude the use of cedar for signposts. An inquiry made with the wood treatment industry indicates that cedar is difficult to treat.

Contractor Provided Concrete Cylinder Curing Box

Jim handed out a proposed revision involving Sections 5-05.3(4)A and 6-02.3(5)A. The proposed change would require the contractor to provide a curing facility that could keep concrete test cylinders within a temperature range of 60°F to 80°F. The American Concrete Paving Association has requested that this be addressed to protect cylinders from hot or cool weather.

Retaining Wall Specifications

Jim Spaid distributed copies of a proposed change to Section 6-11 of the Standard Specifications that would incorporate the general special provisions (GSP's) that have been in use for various types of walls. This is a very large change, and Jim noted that it was an opportunity to look for consistencies among the various wall types and find some commonality of materials, construction methods, measurement and payment.

Section 6-11 is currently titled "Precast Concrete Retaining Wall Stems." This proposal will expand the number of types of retaining walls to include reinforced concrete semigravity walls, reinforced soil mass walls (such as welded wire walls, precast concrete panel and block faced walls, geotextile walls and soil nail walls), cantilever walls, and noise barrier walls.

Changes are also needed in Sections 9-03, 9-10, and 9-33 that relate to the material requirements. To facilitate review, Jim will send the proposed change electronically to all the team members.

AGC/WSDOT Annual Meeting

Jim Spaid reminded the team that the annual meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Golf Club at Newcastle, starting at 8:30am. All of the team members are encouraged to attend.

Other Items

There was a discussion on current landscape design philosophy relating to the plant establishment period. Specifying the varieties of plant material, and ways to measure and pay for landscape items, continues to be an issue on several contracts. Jim Spaid will ask Mark Maurer, the State Landscape Architect, to come to a future meeting to discuss the latest philosophies in this regard.

The team also expressed an interest in a discussion on the budget scenario for the upcoming biennium.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Galvanizing of fence products – review of current specs for consistency.
- Testing of storm sewer pipes – differences in the time for low-pressure air testing on non-air-permeable pipe materials.
- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Roller Speeds
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Traffic Control Devices –NCHRP 350
- Paint Applications – What is the time required between the application (Std Spec Section 8-22)

Next Meeting

March 20, 2003

The meeting will be held at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at 8:00am.